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Inventor(s) Price et al.					
Title of Invention REFASTENABLE ABSORBENT GARMENT					

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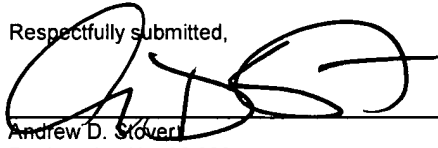
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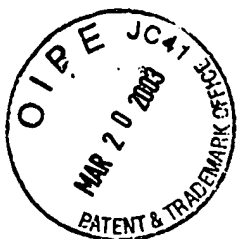
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## THIRD SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed below and on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. Copies of the listed documents required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2) are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

The references now cited are the following:

**FOREIGN DOCUMENTS**

<b>DOCUMENT NUMBER</b> <small>Number-Kind Code (If known)</small>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>COUNTRY</b>
EP 0 570 980-Abstract	11/1993	Europe
WO 00/20208	4/2000	WIPO

**OTHER DOCUMENTS**

1. Invitation to Pay Additional Fees with Partial International Search Report for PCT Application No. US02/21036, mailed December 16, 2002.

Applicant(s) note that European Patent No. EP 0 570 980 was previously cited in an Information Disclosure Statement filed on January 18, 2002. Pursuant to the undersigned attorney's obligation and duties under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.98(a)(3) and (c), an English abstract for European Patent No. EP 0570 980 together with an Invitation to Pay Additional Fees with Partial International Search Report are now included for the express purpose of providing a concise explanation of that reference to the Patent and Trademark Office with the opportunity to evaluate the same.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g),(h), this Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made and is not to be construed to be an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).

This Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the receipt of the first Official Action reflecting an examination on the merits and hence is believed to be timely filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b). No fees are believed to be due in connection with filing of this Third Supplemental Information

Disclosure Statement, however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be deemed necessary for any reason relating to these material, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this document is enclosed.

Applicant(s) respectfully request that the listed documents be made of record in the present case.

Respectfully submitted,

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## REFERENCE DESIGNATION

## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER <small>Number-Kind Code (if known)</small>	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS/ SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES OR NO
	D1	EP 0 570 980-Abstract	11/1993	Europe	
	D2	WO 00/20208	4/2000	WIPO	

EXAMINER INITIAL	OTHER ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)
	D3 Invitation to Pay Additional Fees with Partial International Search Report for PCT Application No. US02/21036, mailed December 16, 2002

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